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SUBJECT: VISIT OF FRENCH PREMIER CHIRAC

REF: PARIS 30928

1. TEHRAN ENGLISH LANGUAGE DAILIES REPORTED DEC. 25 THAT FRENCH PREMIER JACQUES CHIRAC DEPARTED TEHRAN DEC. 23 "AFTER REACHING A SERIES OF AGREEMENTS WITH IRAN" WORTH SOME \$7.8 BILLION DOLLARS. ACCORDS LISTED IN NEWSPAPERS, KAYHAN INT'L (KI) AND TEHRAN JOURNAL (TJ), INCLUDE PURCHASE BY IRAN OF A LARGE QUANTITY OF FRENCH AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS, OF THE FRENCH SECAM COLOR TELEVISION SYSTEM, OF 26 TURBO-TRAINS, OF METHANE(LNG) TANKERS, AND OF TWO 900 MW NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS, CONSTRUCTION BY FRENCH FIRMS OF A 62 KM (41 MILE) SUBWAY SYSTEM, ELECTRIFICATION AND MODERNIZATION OF IRAN'S RAILWAYS, CONSTRUCTION OF A \$270 MILLION PLANT BY FRENCH FIRM CREUSOT LOIRE TO PRODUCE 250,000 MTS OF SPECIAL STEELS, A JOINT VENTURE AUTOMOBILE PLANT TO PRODUCE 100,000 RENAULTS PER YEAR, AND CONSTRUCTION BY FRENCH CONTRACTORS OF 200,000 HOUSING UNITS.

2. CHIRAC REPORTEDLY SAID (TJ) THAT (A) "FRANCE THOUGHT CURRENT OIL PRICES WERE REASONABLE AND THAT WAS WHY FRANCE DID NOT JOIN" THE IEA; (B) THAT IRAN SUPPORTS FRENCH PROPOSAL FOR TRIPARTITE OIL MEETING, AND (C) THAT "FRANCE'S DECISION TO ALTER GOLD STANDARD. ONLY AMOUNTED TO A REFORM IN THE ACCOUNTING SYSTEM IN THE WORLD'S CENTRAL BANKS," AND ADDED "I THOUGHT HIS MAJESTY WAS SATISFIED WITH THE EXPLANATION I OFFERED." COPIES OF FRENCH TEXT OF JOINT COMMUNIQUE ISSUED DEC. 23 BEING POUCHED TO DEPT. AND AMEMBASSY PARIS. COMMUNIQUE INCLUDED STATEMENT THAT GOF "DISPOSED" TO DO ALL IT CAN TO BRING ABOUT PREFERENTIAL TRADE RELATIONS BETWEEN IRAN AND EEC.

3. COMMENT: AS HAS BEEN CASE AFTER PAST HIGH LEVEL VISITS, PRESS ACCOUNTS PRESENT MUCH MORE GLOWING ACCOUNT OF POSSIBLE BILATERAL COOPERATION THAN FIRM AGREEMENTS MADE THIS FAR WOULD WARRANT. MAIN NEW ELEMENTS RESULTING SEEM TO BE FAIRLY FIRM IRANIAN DECISION TO BUY FRENCH SECAM COLOR TV AND SIGNING OF CONTRACT FOR SALE OF TURBO-TRAINS AND FOR FRENCH CONSTRUCTION OF SPECIALTYSTEEL PLANT. LATTER DEAL MARKS FRENCH ENTRY INTO BURGEONING IRANIAN STEEL INDUSTRY, BUT IS LESS IMPORTANT THAN EARLIER LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONTRACTS SIGNED WITH GERMAN AND U.S. FIRMS AND EXPECTED ITALIAN PARTICIPATION IN IRON/STEEL COMPLEX TO BE BUILT AT BANDAR ABBAS. EXCEPT FOR ABOVE AND NUCLEAR POWER PLANTS DECIDED ON EARLIER (TEHRAN 9882), OTHER PROJECTS MENTIONED STILL MUST BE NEGOTIATED ON INDIVIDUAL BASIS.
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